



Date: October 17, 2001
To: Inter-Regional Partnership
From: IRP Staff
RE: Other IRP Activities

Background

For the past year and a half, the Partnership has concentrated on the process and products required to implement the Inter-Regional Partnership State Pilot Project to Improve the Balance of Jobs and Housing. The Request for Proposals for Inter-Regional Partnership Jobs/Housing Opportunity Zones was released in early September and the final Zones are expected to be selected by the end of the year. There now have been requests from some members that the Partnership address other issues related to the jobs/housing imbalance and the region in general.

Discussion

To initiate discussion, staff has identified the following activities that the IRP may wish to pursue:

- Presentations by member jurisdictions that showcase their efforts at balancing jobs and housing in the region.
- Using the integrated GIS for broader planning efforts (yet to be defined) in the IRP region.
- Initiate a dialog with other IRP throughout the State to share ideas and lessons learned. Also, work with statewide IRPs to initiate legislation and administrative changes to existing programs to all IRPs' jobs/housing balance efforts.
- Work with member jurisdictions without Zones to develop planning initiatives that complement the regional effectiveness of the Pilot Project Zones.
- Presentations by transportation planners to update the Partnership on efforts to improve travel conditions for commuters (private auto, transit, and other transportation).

As the Partnership determines what other activities interest them, staff will research the requests and incorporate those activities into future meetings.

Requested Action

- Staff requests that the Partnership determines what other activities are of interest to the group.